

Weed kills livestock

Everyone needs to help control growth of poisonous tansy

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Have you got any tansy ragwort growing on your property? If so, it's up to you to get rid of the poisonous weed before it kills your livestock or your neighbors.

Again this year as in the past, the Sandy area and the rest of Clackamas County has a serious tansy ragwort weed problem. This weed is poisonous and has killed many animals. Once an animal has eaten it, there is nothing that can be done for it and in a few days, weeks or even a year the animal will die, according to Clive Cook Clackamas County Extension Agent.

Law requires eradication of the plant, but through lack of enforcement and human neglect it has become an increasing problem.

The dusky golden, flat-topped flowers usually grow between two to four feet high and have clusters of small daisies that produce seeds. When taken internally by animals, it causes hardening of the liver and eventual death.

According to Cook, now is the best time to control the growth of the weed. The best

way to kill it is by spraying. Then after the first fall rain, spraying is again advised to stop the weed from producing seeds.

"This process must be done every year, if the people of the county want to control this poisonous weed," said Cook.

One of the biggest complaints of those who have worked to control the weed, is not everyone is doing so.

The seeds from the weed are easily spread by the wind and can spread from one property to the other. Several area residents have seen hours of hard work to kill the weed fail when their neighbors have not worked to control the growth of the weed.

Clackamas County is in charge of enforcing the law, but in recent years the county has been lax in this enforcement.

"Right now all we do is provide county residents with information about the weed and the best ways to control it," said commissioner Fred Stefani. "The county also rents sprayers to residents for a small fee and the county weed control officer tries to control the growth of the weed along county roads."

Stefani said the county has not been

enforcing the law because there was "not enough jail space to handle the violators."

The county weed control officer is Dale Hester. He works directly out of the county commissioners' offices.

Persons wishing to contact Hester should phone the county commission offices.

"We will direct our weed control officer to the problem areas in the county which are reported to us by residents," said Stefani. "Currently, he has three large sprayers going full time."

The State Highway Department has told Cook anyone wishing to help the state control the weed along state highways can do so. They should then submit a bill to the State Highway Department.

Cook and his office is not responsible for controlling the spraying of the weed, but his office does have the latest information possible on the tansy ragwort.

Cook and his office is especially concerned with the increasing amount of tansy ragwort showing up in area hay fields. Hay infected with the weed is poisonous to animals.

"Right now there is research being done

on how to control the weed and its effect on both animals and humans," said Cook.

One of the ways for controlling the tansy

ragwort is through the release of the cinnabar moth. This moth dines on ragwort and helps retard the growth of the plant.

Last year over 3,000 moths were deposited on plants throughout the county and were fairly successful in retarding the spread of it.

This year another 12,000 to 13,000 moths have been placed in various areas in the county in hopes additional numbers will bring added results.

One local resident, Jack Travis, made use of the moths this past year, and he recently reported to the Post great success in retarding the tansy ragwort.

The US Forest Service has also released the cinnabar moth recently (see separate story) to research control of tansy ragwort in the Mt. Hood area.

But still the best weapon in the fight against this tansy ragwort, is the individual and his efforts to control the growth of the weed on his property.

Investigation possible county housing policy

Clackamas County Housing Commission could come under an investigation. That is, if county commissioner Bob Schumacher asks for one as indicated he will.

Schumacher and fellow commissioners Fred Stefani will hold a meeting at 8 p.m. tonight with the housing

director of the housing board is the commissioner Telford; and was the one who slated this following comments by the other commissioners that an investigation is needed.

Schumacher has said he will ask District Attorney Roger Rook to investigate why the housing authority was allegedly following guidelines set up by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The rules do not permit dollar values on free food and medical benefits as basis for computing housing projects rents.

Housing authority earlier this year charged with illegally figuring the benefits as income. Rent is figured by housing authority on the basis of total income.

City plan review continues Tuesday

A second draft of the comprehensive plan for the city of Sandy will be reviewed Tuesday night.

The city planning commission will meet at the meeting which will start at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public at city hall.

Most increase set for lunches

Increased prices are common on today's lunch and Sandy Grade School district is no exception. The school board approved a lunch price increase for the upcoming year.

The board met Tuesday night and approved a price schedule calling for 40 cents for grades first through sixth; 50 cents for grades seventh and eighth and 60 cents for adults.

This year the hot lunches cost 30 cents for students and 45 cents for adults.

Main reasons for changing the lunch prices are the increase in cost of food and the need to enlarge the amount of helpings for seventh and eighth graders. District superintendent Tony Bryant, who oversees school districts in the Sandy area, has also indicated a price increase in hot lunch programs.

The school year will begin Sept. 4 and

In this first charge, the housing authority settled out of court, although it did not admit liability.

Both that charge and the new charge were made by Mrs. Joyce Dupasquier and Mrs. Pam Wilson, both former tenants of a county housing project.

The new charge was brought to the attention of the county commissioners on Aug. 8.

The meeting tonight is slated for 8 p.m. in the county courthouse in Oregon City.

Municipal court move likely

The Sandy city council will consider the move to a Municipal Court when it meets Monday night.

The city has not had a municipal court for the past four years. A committee is now ready to recommend to the council a judge for the city's municipal court.

Currently the city has been taking all its cases to justice court. The move to a municipal court is being made to lighten the load in the justice court and to get more action on municipal cases which the justice court can not handle, according to city administrator Carl Hatfield, Jr.

The city will continue to take major traffic violations and criminal cases to justice court even if a municipal court is established.

Other items on the agenda for the 7 p.m. adjourned meeting are consideration of new ordinances on city water, rules and regulations.

Sandy Grade will run bus schedules similar to last year's

The district has added a run on McCabe Rd.

New teachers will report for work on Aug. 28 with all other instructors reporting on Aug. 30 for a today-inservice workshop.

Registration for students will be held at the school which students will attend from 1 to 4 p.m. on Aug. 28. Grades 1-3 will be at Firwood, grades 4-6 at the intermediate building and grade 7-8 at the upper grade building.

The hot lunch program will begin with school for all grades except seventh and eighth. The hot lunch program will not begin for these grades until the new wing is completed. Bryant could give no definite date when this would be, although he did say construction is already running a month behind schedule.

The original completion date had been Aug. 15.



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Mt. Hood planning team recommends proposals

The influence and comments of the Interagency Planning Study team working in the Mt. Hood area is being felt and sought.

The planning study team came into being on June 11 when seven governmental agencies agreed to work together to make a comprehensive land-use study of the whole Mt. Hood area.

The seven agencies participating in the study are: the Clackamas and Hood River Counties, U.S. Forest Service, State Department of Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, and the Columbia Region Association of Governments.

The total plan is expected to take almost three years to complete and it will contain an environmental impact statement as part of it.

Currently as developments are proposed in the Mt. Hood area, they are being

referred to the planning team. Then, which ever agency has jurisdiction will head a special ad hoc committee which will study the proposal and present a recommendation to the planning team.

This recommendation is then presented to the various governmental bodies which will rule on the proposal.

So far four such proposals have been presented for a recommendation.

The four are: the Winterwood development at Government Camp; the Government Camp Service District sewage expansion; the Texas chairlift at Mt. Hood Meadows; and the Warm Springs interchange of Highways 26 and 35.

In the Winterwood recommendation, Clackamas County held jurisdiction and thus headed the study committee. The committee was found in favor of the first three acre development plans, but did not give approval on the overall 32 acre

development.

This recommendation was sent to the Clackamas County Planning Commission, but the developers withdrew the proposed Winterwood before the planners could rule.

The review of the GI Government Camp sewage district was again under the jurisdiction of Clackamas County. The committee recommended in favor of the expansion and it is now before the Department of Environmental Quality.

The Texas chairlift also got approval and the US Forest Service which held jurisdiction has given its approval.

An ad hoc committee also studied the plans for the Warm Springs interchange. The committee at first recommended against the proposed plans to the Federal Highway Department.

Since the Highway Department has resubmitted a proposal with several changes and now has received an "Okay" from the planning committee.

The Interagency Planning team is now also involved in getting public input into the land-use study. Listening sessions are being held and a special hour along television discussion show will be held Monday on this study. (See separate stories.)

Mt. Hood plan set for TV

Planning in the Mt. Hood area will be the subject of a one hour long television special.

The special discussion show will be held on Monday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. on stations 10 and 7.

Participating in the discussion will be members of the seven different agencies participating in the Interagency Planning Study of the Mt. Hood area.

Members of the audience will be able to ask questions and those at home will be able to call collect to ask questions of the panel.

This special show is being done in an effort to get more public input into the planning study which has just started by the seven participating governmental bodies.

Aldercreek water system expands

The Alder Creek water system is expanding, both in size and piping.

According to Red Bennett owner of the water system, the Sleepy Hollow Water Association voted last week to be purchased by the Alder Creek Water Company.

Bennett also stated a new eight inch water line will be installed from Alder Creek to Sleepy Hollow within the next 30 days.

Bennett told the Post, the necessary permits to install the line were okayed last week.

Community schools gear for second year

It's again time to think of school and this means the second year of the community schools in Sandy and Welches.

This program is run through Mt. Hood Community College and Mrs. Evelyn Anderson has been named co-ordinator for the upcoming year.

Last year over 1500 individuals participated in the programs held at Sandy and Welches. This made the local community schools the most successful of those being run by MHCC.

Mrs. Anderson stated, the community school programs will begin on Oct. 1 and the "After 6" credit night classes will begin on Sept. 24 at Sandy High School.

The community school classes are non-credit units.

"We are looking forward to a good year with new programs and ideas," said Mrs. Anderson, "anyone interested in being a volunteer leader should contact the school at our trailer located at Sandy Grade School or by phoning 668-5744."

A class leader only needs to be willing to share their special interests or skills. No other special qualifications are needed, according to Mrs. Anderson.

The only fees charged by the community schools are to cover office expenses and the supplies for the volunteer leaders.

One area where Mrs. Anderson is hoping to involve the community school program more this year is with the senior citizen

population.

She also is now busy reforming the Citizen Advisory Committee. This committee is charged with suggesting programs ideas and resources for the community schools.

"We need more people on this committee," said Mrs. Anderson, "whether they be young or old, they can be of help to this program."

Starting Monday, Aug. 27, Mrs. Anderson will be at the school trailer from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for anyone wishing to receive more information.

Mrs. Anderson worked as a helper last year before taking over the fulltime duties this year. She is now being helped by Chris Neuenfeldt and Mike Grassel, two MHCC students earning special credit.

Commissioners want to talk to Mrs. Gately

The Clackamas County Commissioners have received the request of the county planning commission to ask for Mrs. Doris Gately's resignation from the citizen advisory board.

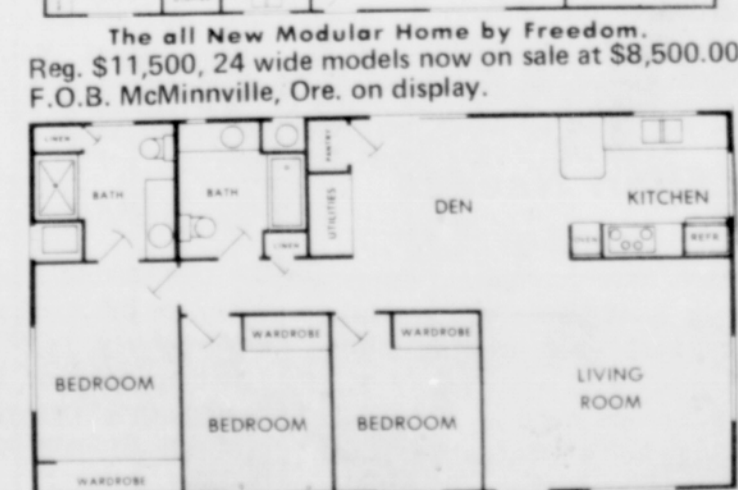
Commissioner Fred Stefani said the county commissioners will "ask Mrs. Gately to visit with us and to talk over the request of the planners."

According to Stefani, this will be done before any action is taken.

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